

# DUTY LIGHTS UP OUR PATH TO HIM

The word duty is in itself very fearful to most of us. Wordsworth called it the stern daughter of the voice of God. But the word duty is not what people think it is. It is the expression of our primal relationship with other entities whether human or institutional.

The word svadharma correctly expresses the meaning. Dharma is that which bears us and sva means one's own. Our duties make us feel worthy of the relationships that we are part of and helps us to make those relationships more meaningful.

So that is why our duties make us more complete persons, for when we do them our minds, hearts and souls are fulfilled and filled with the satisfaction that cannot be easily expressed.

Contrary to popular belief, duty is the expression of the love and regard from one person to another, from a person to his country to the institution he serves, to his community.

A child toddling up to his mother to give her a favourite pair of slippers, is doing his duty without expecting anything, a landlord, unheeding of the damage done to his mansion going out to help the tenants and giving them relief is doing the duty.

These are expressions of a person's being – duty tears off a person's mask and shows the whole world how people behave and what they are.

The light of the lamp of duty casts a benign light that helps us see the glory of the Lord and lights up our path to Him.

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